(c) the reasons therefor and whether any proposal to increase this length further as per requirements of the State is under consideration; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) 652 km of National Highway in Madhya Pradesh is included in North South and East West (NS-EW) corridor. This length is as per the length of the corridor crossing Madhya Pradesh. There is no proposal to increase this length.

(d) Does not arise.

Mumbai port container terminal

1939. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Mumbai Port's plan to set up a container terminal is under Government's scrutiny;

(b) whether the port has been asked to provide details of container traffic revenue and expenses to ascertain the viability of the project;

(c) whether Rs.1,228 crore container terminal project is proposed to be developed by a consortium led by Gammon India through the build-operate-transfer basis; and

(d) whether Government has justified the project in view of the increasing container trade in the country?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) The Government has approved the proposal of the Mumbai Port Trust to award the contract to set up an Offshore Container Terminal on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis at the Port to a Consortium led by Gammon India Ltd. who has offered highest share of gross revenue of 35.064% from the planned facility to the Mumbai Port Trust, on the basis of open competitive bidding. Pre-investment studies on the project have established the viability of the project.

Pedestrian over-bridge on NH-5

1940. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a representation from the Road Safety Forum objecting to non-use of pedestrian over-bridge at Chilakoluripeto on NH-5 as the reason to avoid building any other pedestrian over-bridges in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) the objections that were raised by the Road Safety Forum against Government's decision to penalise Andhra Pradesh by not increasing road safety;

(c) whether Government have made any efforts to get world class architects to design user friendly over-bridges; and

(d) the steps proposed to carefully consider the representation of Road Safety Forum in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Over bridges for exclusive use of pedestrians are provided in the exceptional locations where the pedestrian volume crossing a wide carriageway is extremely large and cannot be regulated by other traffic control measures without causing undue delay both to the pedestrian and vehicular traffic. There is no such situation on NH-5 at Gundugulanu and therefore, pedestrian foot over bridge is not feasible. However, proposal for construction of foot over bridge at this location will be considered during preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for six laning of this stretch of NH-5 under NHDP Phase-V.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. NHAI appoints International Level Consultants for project preparation for upgradation of National Highways. All cares from safety point of view and public needs are taken into consideration while designing the National Highways.

Six-laning on BOT basis

1941. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has now opened larger tretches of over 200 Km. on a Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) basis, under phase-V Programme, involving six-laning of selected projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof, location-wise, cost per Kilometer-wise, feasibility report-wise indicating whether any leading private infrastructure consultancy firm is also involved therein indicating the number of bidders who have applied so far; and

(c) if so, the estimated total cost of each road project and the time likely to be taken in completion thereof particularly construction of 225 Km. long Gurgaon-Kotputli-Jaipur stretch of NH-8?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) The Government accorded approval for undertaking six laning of 6,500 km. of National Highways comprising 5,700 km of Golden Quadrilateral and balance 800 km on other sections, under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase-V. As per the approved implementation mechanism for NHDP Phase-V, stretches of 100 km or more that have been completed at least two years ago and contractual actions on previous contracts have been completed, are being included in the year-wise programme. Where the distance between two cities is less than 100 km, such stretches are also being included as exception cases.

(b) List of proposed stretches of National Highways in different States under NHDP Phase-V is given in the Statement (*See* below). Cost per km. has been